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“We” Campaign Finds Common Cause with Major Faith Groups

National Religious Partnership embraces evangelical Christian, Catholic, mainline Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, African-American and Jewish denominations

Menlo Park, CA – The core message of The Alliance for Climate Protection’s “We” campaign will resonate in the prayers and psalms of biblical faith as the nation's major faith groups bring the religious imperative for action on climate change to the pulpits and pews of the American heartland.

Faith groups affiliated in the **National Religious Partnership for the Environment** – itself an alliance across the entire ideological and denominational spectrum – will demonstrate the Alliance's conviction that major sectors are now acting with a new level of determination and common cause to curb global warming.

“It is hard to exaggerate how protection of Earth's climate has become such a profoundly compelling priority for people of faith and these include decision-makers in every area of life who are increasingly looking to their conscience and deepest beliefs in the face of this challenge,” said **Paul Gorman**, executive director of the NRPE. “The real ‘We’ here are the children of God. Our partnerships and alliances can reflect the universal blessing of God's covenant in Genesis, ‘which I make between me and you and every living creature for perpetual generations.’”

The Partnership's faith groups plan to distribute educational materials to tens of thousands of congregations including every Catholic parish in the nation; prepare clergy and lay leaders for sermons, town hall meetings and outreach to the media; and call upon the Congress to assure that all climate and energy legislation contain strong provisions to protect poor and vulnerable communities.

Religious Partnership and “We” Campaign participants have discussed how the perspectives of science and policy and those of faith and values can contribute to a universal moral consensus as well as reflect the diverse visions and vocations of civilizations.

These values are flowing vividly into worship, sermons and religious observance. They’re inspirations, not frames; living articles of faith, not talking points. They are the reasons why care for God’s creation is becoming the most compelling new cause in religious life and why global climate change is the issue that is most moving people of faith to act.

“Faith leaders come to the cause with a perspective and voice that goes beyond traditional environmentalism and speaks to those they serve every day,” said **Cathy Zoi**, CEO of the Alliance for Climate Protection. “Bringing churches and synagogues into the movement is a very important – and very powerful – step forward. It will break

down a cultural gap that has too often characterized the environmental movement and will reach people at a time and place when they are thinking seriously about their place in the world.”

For more information on the “We” campaign, please visit www.wecansolveit.org.

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